

## **OTS Traffic Safety Survey, September 2010**

The survey results include responses from 1,671 drivers age 18 and over, at 60 gas stations in 15 counties throughout California. Surveys were conducted in counties in northern, central and southern geographic regions. Counties in Northern California included San Francisco, Alameda, Santa Clara, Contra Costa, Sacramento, Placer and San Mateo. Counties in Central California included Fresno and Kern, while Southern California counties included Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, Orange, San Diego, and Ventura. The respondents were approached randomly by surveyors, who selected every other person that appeared to be a driver of a car and appeared to be over 18 years of age.

### **1. In your opinion, what are the biggest safety problems on California roadways?**

<b><u>Reply</u></b>	<b><u>Percent</u></b>
Speeding/Aggressive Driving	21.5
Distracted Driving because of TALKING on cell phone	15.9
Bad Road Surfaces	11.4
Drunk Driving	10.1
Distracted Driving because of TEXTING on cell phone	2.4
Internal Car Distractions	1.2
Other/Don't Know	37.5

### **2. In your opinion, what is the MOST serious distraction for drivers?**

<b><u>Reply</u></b>	<b><u>Percent</u></b>
Cell Phone Conversations (handheld or hands-free)	59.5
Texting While Driving	12.2
Passengers in Car	2.9
Roadside Billboards	1.9
Eating While Driving	1.8
Adjusting Radio/Stereos	1.1
Personal Grooming	0.5
GPS/Navigation Systems	0.2
Other/Don't Know	19.9

### **3. How often in the past 30 days have you talked on a hand-held cell phone while driving?**

<b><u>Reply</u></b>	<b><u>Percent</u></b>
Regularly	14.0
Sometimes	13.6
Rarely	19.4
Never	52.8
Other/Don't Know	0.2

### **4. How often in the past 30 days have you talked on a hands-free cell phone while driving?**

<b><u>Reply</u></b>	<b><u>Percent</u></b>
Regularly	29.4
Sometimes	13.2
Rarely	8.1
Never	49.1
Other/Don't Know	0.2

**5. How often in the past 30 days have you texted or emailed while driving?**

<u>Reply</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Regularly	9.4
Sometimes	10.4
Rarely	10.6
Never	69.5
Other/Don't Know	0.1

**6. Do you believe using a hands-free cell phone is safer than a hand-held phone while driving?**

<u>Reply</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	68.5
No	28.8
Other/Don't Know	2.7

**7. Do you talk less, more or the same amount on your cell phone because of the hands-free law?**

<u>Reply</u>	<u>Percent</u>
More	7.8
The same	51.9
Less	31.5
Other/Don't Know	8.8

**8. Have you EVER made a driving mistake while talking on a cell phone?**

<u>Reply</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	45.8
No	52.8
Other/Don't Know	1.4

**9. Have you ever been hit or nearly hit by a driver who was talking or texting on a cell phone?**

<u>Reply</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	54.6
No	40.3
Other/Don't Know	5.1

**10. Do you recall hearing or seeing "Report Drunk Drivers - Call 911" in the past 6 months?**

<u>Reply</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	60.2
No	39.1
Other/Don't Know	0.7

**11. Do you think the "Report Drunk Drivers - Call 911" program has helped police make more DUI arrests?**

<u>Reply</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	56.0
No	20.2
Other/Don't Know	23.8

12. In your opinion, is the "Report Drunk Drivers - Call 911" program resulting in fewer drunk drivers on the roadways?

<u>Reply</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	42.1
No	41.2
Other/Don't Know	16.7

13. Since seeing or hearing "Report Drunk Drivers - Call 911", are you less likely to drive after drinking too much?

<u>Reply</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	36.7
No	37.5
I do not drink at all	21.8
Other/Don't Know	4.0

14. In the past 6 months, have you seen or heard anything about police setting up sobriety/DUI checkpoints to catch drunk drivers?

<u>Reply</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	68.5
No	29.9
Other/Don't Know	1.6

15. Do you support the use of sobriety/DUI checkpoints?

<u>Reply</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	86.5
No	11.3
Other/Don't Know	2.2

16. In the past 30 days, did you drive when you thought you had too much alcohol to drive safely?

<u>Reply</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	5.9
No	72.7
I do not drink at all	20.2
Other/Don't Know	1.2

17. How serious of a problem is driving under the influence of drugs, both legal and illegal?

<u>Reply</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Very Big Problem	69.4
Somewhat of a problem	19.7
A Small Problem	4.4
Not a problem at all	1.3
Other/Don't Know	5.2

18. Do you believe the penalty for driving under the influence of drugs is as serious as the penalty for driving under the influence of alcohol?

<u>Reply</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	52.2
No	20.7
Other/Don't Know	27.1

19. In your opinion, should the penalty for driving under the influence of drugs be more serious, less serious or the same?

<u>Reply</u>	<u>Percent</u>
More serious penalty	17.4
Less serious penalty	6.8
The same penalty	70.4
Other/Don't Know	5.4

20. How often do you wear a seatbelt?

<u>Reply</u>	<u>Percent</u>
ALWAYS wear a seatbelt	95.8
SOMETIMES wear a seatbelt	2.7
NEVER wear a seatbelt	1.0
Other/Don't Know	0.5

21. Do you recall hearing or seeing "Click It or Ticket" in the past 6 months?

<u>Reply</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	83.3
No	15.8
Other/Don't Know	0.9

22. Do you think the chances of being stopped for not wearing a seatbelt have changed because of the "Click It or Ticket" campaign?

<u>Reply</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Yes	57.1
No	31.5
Other/Don't Know	11.4